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CALLOWAY BOOKS OF ASSOCIATION OPEN TO FARMERS

Many, Receiving Night Rider Notices, Decide That They are in the Wrong.

Another One Writes Letter to County Paper.

SAYS HE WANTS IN POOL NOW

Murray, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Encouraged by the ready capitulation of a number of independent tobacco growers, in response to warnings not to deliver their tobacco that had been sold to independent dealers, the notices, which are invariably signed "night riders," are said to be becoming more numerous in some sections of Calloway county, especially in the vicinity of the little town of Kirksey, the section that grows the best grade of tobacco in west Kentucky.

To accommodate the farmers who have publicly stated their willingness to join the association, after being warned to do so, and any who desire, the executive committee of the Calloway Tobacco Growers' association met and voted to "open the books" of the association, that all those caring to pledge their crops may do so.

Several of the farmers, who have been warned not to deliver their crops, have published statements in a local paper that they were wrong and the association right, and they are ready to sign the pledge, if given an opportunity. The latest to publish a statement is Mr. S. D. Branch, of Kirksey, who had received a warning a few nights ago. His statement is as follows:

"In order to explain myself to the people that I am not against the tobacco association, as there has been such report going, I want to say to one and all that I am a farmer and all the time have been to the farmers and the association. I myself am getting old and have not raised one pound of tobacco for thirteen years, but my children raise a small crop every year, and in order to get their money as soon as possible they have declined putting their tobacco in said association and have been selling their tobacco loose and did so this past fall, and had delivered most of their crop when I received a notice by mail not to deliver any more of the crop. Now I had done decided from this year on to put all tobacco grown on my farm by me or my children in said association, and if allowed to sell the remainder of our present crop, I don't want to be in the way of my farmer friends getting better prices for their tobacco, for I am a farmer and a friend to the farmer. I am proud of the association, for it has been worth untold money to the farmers of the various counties. I don't wish it to be understood that I am not a friend to the association, for it is untrue. Before I got the notice my decision was to pledge this year's crop. Yours truly, "S. D. BRANCH."

J. H. MANN DIES

News reached Paducah today of the death of Mr. J. H. Mann, formerly of this city, at his home in Ipswich, Mass., on the 5th. Mr. Mann had been ill for several months from kidney trouble, but the end came suddenly. Mr. Mann was in charge of the Dogwood factory at the end of Sixth street for several years and made many friends here. He was accompanied here by Mrs. Mann and daughter, Miss Bernice, who were very popular also. They resided at the Emory residence on Jefferson street. His wife and daughter survive him.

BEACH HARGIS IS TOUCHED AT VIEW OF FATHER'S BODY

Jackson, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Beach Hargis was permitted this morning to stand by the remains of his father. He cried, "Lord have mercy," then with no other words he returned to jail. He has not spoken since, and did not attend the funeral. The funeral services were at noon. A great crowd is here. The mother will not prosecute her son. It is reported that young Hargis tried to commit suicide in jail by morphine, but was unsuccessful.

Is Groff Murderer of J. D. Price of Fresno Cal.?—Witness Says He Was Not There—Is Held Here.

Father and Official of Home Town Here to Testify—Police Want \$1,000 Reward and He Wants Out.

Evidence was heard this morning to establish the identity and place of residence of A. N. Groff, the young man arrested here Monday night by And Stone, of Marion, Ill., and later taken charge of by Patrolmen Johnson and Cross for the alleged murder of Joseph D. Price, deputy sheriff of Fresno, Cal., March 13, 1907. A reward of \$1,000 is offered for the arrest of the murderer.

The murderer's name as given by the circular sent out to Chief Collins is James Richardson, alias A. N. Groff, alias "Fatty." County Judge R. T. Lightfoot was counsel for Groff, County Attorney Aiben Barkley for the commonwealth and Hal S. Corbett was employed by Patrolmen Johnson and Cross to assist in holding him.

The evidence was heard on the suggestion of Judge Lightfoot, that after the evidence was heard, if the counsel for the prosecution was not satisfied that Groff should be sent back to jail, and the trial held Monday morning before Judge Cross, the police officials have mailed letters to the California police, but no reply has been received, and it is thought an answer may be had by Monday.

The strength of the defense lay in R. S. Rowland, state's attorney for Richland county, Illinois, at Olney, where Groff lived and W. C. Groff, the father of Groff, who is a farmer near Olney. Mr. Rowland testified that A. N. Groff's wife was burned to death last March about the time the murder was committed, and that he saw Groff frequently. Groff went to Rowland's office in settling the estate of his wife. He said Groff was a country boy, and was not any worse than the average country boy.

W. C. Groff, the boy's father, testified that Groff was at home last March and his testimony was along the line of Mr. Rowland. Groff testified that after his wife's death he had roved over the country, but had never been to California. The witness was nervous, but his testimony did not throw any light on the crime, for which he is held.

After the completion of the evidence County Attorney Barkley said he believed Groff was the wrong man, Mr. Corbett thought Groff should be held until Monday at least, that something may be heard from California. Judge Lightfoot took up the description of the murderer as sent out in the circular, and pointed out the differences. The description says the man has brown hair, a fuzzy growth of beard, light eyebrows, light eyes and a fair complexion. Groff has black hair, a heavy growth of beard, black eyebrows and dark eyes.

FRANK H. HITCHCOCK WILL BE MANAGER OF TAFT CAMPAIGN, IT IS ANNOUNCED

Popular Assistant Postmaster General Will Add Strength to Taft Movement.

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is authoritatively stated that Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster general, has accepted the position of eastern and southern manager for the Taft presidential campaign and that he will resign from the government service in a few days. He will be succeeded by Charles P. Grandfield, of Lincoln, Mo., present chief clerk.

WEATHER.



CLOUDY

Increasing cloudiness probably followed by rain tonight or Sunday. Warmer in central and eastern portions tonight. Highest temperature yesterday, 50; lowest today, 35.

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Mr. Corbett refused to coincide with County Attorney Barkley and according to Judge Lightfoot's statement before the trial, Groff was taken back to jail, and Judge Cross said the case will be tried Monday morning at 9 o'clock, whether evidence is received or not.

All of the patrolmen are inclined to think that Groff is the wrong man. Patrolman Johnson, one of the patrolmen making the arrest, this afternoon said that he is not sure that Groff was the man wanted in California. He added that it was doubtful, but remarked that it may be that Groff is wanted somewhere.

This morning Mr. Rowland said if the authorities should find evidence against Groff that he is the guilty man, he will lend his assistance to send Groff back to California, where the murder was committed.

From present indications the arrest and holding of Groff will involve the patrolmen making the arrest and their bondsmen and perhaps the city in a lawsuit unless it is proven he is the murderer, as Judge Lightfoot, who represents young Groff, stated this afternoon that a damage suit will undoubtedly be brought.

LONDON MURDER MYSTERY

London, Feb. 8.—Frederick Holmes, millionaire, and his wife and daughter and two women servants were found dead of bullet wounds in the Holmes country home. Police are unable to find the murderer or solve the motive.

NEW YORK TO PARIS IN AUTOS—20,000 MILES.

New York, Feb. 8.—Six foreign contestants in the New York to Paris endurance automobile race arrived today. The contest starts Wednesday and 20,000 miles will be covered.

CAPTAIN ED FARLEY SENDS MONEY ON TIME

The teachers of the county received their pay for January on time this month. This is the first time that the check has been within a week of the schedule time, since before the November election. The total amount distributed was \$2,211.82.

FELL FIFTEEN FEET

Lone Oak, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Newton Gibson, a carpenter, fell from a scaffold 15 feet high yesterday afternoon while working on a house in the St. Johns neighborhood. The scaffold was weak and collapsed, and allowed Mr. Gibson to fall to the ground. Two ribs were broken and Mr. Gibson was otherwise bruised. Dr. R. C. Gore was called and dressed the injuries.

Father Still Lingers. Superintendent Carnagey received word this afternoon that his father, Captain Thomas Carnagey, of Ran-tout, Kas., was resting easy, but no decided change has taken place in his condition.

W. K. A. A. NAMES OFFICERS AT FIRST MEETING TODAY.

The stockholders of the West Kentucky Amusement association held their first meeting since incorporation and elected the following officers: President, L. A. Lagomarsino; vice president, W. H. Farley; secretary and treasurer, Rodney Davis. The company will begin construction of its buildings March 1. Everything will be under one big top, and the company will not ask for any concessions, paying the regular license.

K. P. INSPECTION

Following the meeting of the Knights of Pythias Monday night, a mock criminal trial will be held for the amusement of the members. The prisoner has already been selected and the trial will be carried through without a hitch. Annual inspection and election of officers for Yelaco company, U. R. K. P., will also be held that night.

FOUNTAIN AVENUE METHODIST WILL BE OF CONCRETE

Plan of Auditorium to Seat Eight Hundred People, With Other Accommodations.

The Rev. G. W. Banks Has Record as Church Builder.

NAME WILL BE CHANGED LATER

Plans are in process of preparation for the new Methodist church, which is to be erected on the corner of Fountain avenue and Monroe street by the present Trimbles street congregation. The plan contemplates an auditorium with seating capacity of 800. This includes both Sunday school and main auditorium, which will be thrown together when needed. The building will be of concrete stone and will be finished in natural pine with modern oak furniture. Red tile will likely be used for the roof. The lot is an elegant one and holds a commanding position on Fountain avenue, which is 100 feet wide. The Trimbles street church congregation will move in a solid body to the new site, which will mean a membership of 335 to be transferred.

The Rev. G. W. Banks, the pastor, has had large experience in church and parsonage building and has never built other than the best. He was pastor when the Harris Memorial church in Memphis was built, which is a splendid brick church and now has a membership of over 700. The Rev. J. C. Wilson, formerly of Paducah, is its present pastor.

Dr. Banks was also pastor of the Second Methodist church in Memphis when the new parsonage was built at a cost of \$7,000.

The new name for this church on Fountain avenue has not yet been decided upon. This will be done by the board at the proper time. Several names have been suggested, such as Fountain avenue or Fountain park church and Central church. Any of these names will meet with favor by the pastor.

The building committee has not yet been named, but will consist of three or five active interested men, which committee will be backed up by the women of the church, who are already organized into two splendid societies.

Ample preparation will be made for the Epworth leagues and young people's societies in the new building. A kitchen, dining room, ladies' parlor and lecture hall will be provided in the plan. These will be in the basement story.

BUILDERS WILL BANQUET

Members of the Builders' association will have a meeting Tuesday evening at their hall on South Fourth street, and final adoption will be given the by-laws of the association. After the business session a banquet and smoker will be given. The program for the evening is: J. M. Byrd, toastmaster. "Benefits of the Association from a Business Standpoint"—George R. Davis. "Relation and Co-operation Between Employers and Employees"—W. M. Karnes. "Past, Present and Future of the Association"—C. H. Chamblin. "New Ideas in Style and Architecture"—William Brainard. It is the intention of the association to have a social session each month. The Builders' association was organized by the builders in 1901.

SENATORS WON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO DRY SPEECHES

Washington, Feb. 8.—The ticker system will be installed in the committee rooms of senators and representatives to keep them posted on the doings of each body while they are absent. It will relieve senators and representatives from keeping in their seat during a particular dull session.

Shipment of Liquor.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The anti-saloon league continued its demand on the house judiciary committee today for the passage of the Littlefield bill to make interstate shipments of liquor subject to state laws.

Brownsville Case.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The Brownsville case will be completed by the middle of the month, according to Senator Warren's advice to the president today.

Fire Marshal and Deputy United States Marshal Will Institute Investigation at Hopkinsville.

SEEKING SHELTER.

Rarely is it that a man seeks a patrolman to take him to the police station and requests the officials to send him back to the west, where a crime was committed. This unusual incident happened last night when Patrolman Gilliam took in H. S. Thomas to Police Lieutenant Thomas Potter. Thomas said another man by the same name broke into a house out west, but he was charged with the crime. He wanted to be sent back, and wanted to be locked up. Lieutenant Potter was puzzled and acted according to Thomas' instructions. This morning in court Thomas was told to leave the city. A broad grin was on his face, and he thinks that the jail is not what he thought it was. Probably he worked bad on Thomas, for he appeared delighted to leave this morning. Judge Cross gave him hours to leave Paducah, and he may hunt up another police headquarters to give himself up.

WELL KNOWN FARMER.

Harrison Alcock, a well to do farmer of the neighborhood of Symsonia, died this morning about 8 o'clock of grip and pneumonia. Mr. Alcock was 55 years old and had been in poor health for two years. Last Saturday grip and pneumonia set in, causing his death. He leaves a wife and several children.

CHARLES W. MORSE WILL RETURN TO NEW YORK.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Charles W. Morse will sail for New York on the Etruria this afternoon. He says the message, concerning his business affairs, caused him to return immediately.

PASSENGERS HAD CLOSE CALL FROM 40 FOOT DROP.

Bellefonte, Mich., Feb. 8.—While running 30 miles an hour Wabash train No. 5, the fast New York-Chicago passenger, left the tracks on a bridge across Huron river early today. Spreading rails derailed the entire train. Only the guard rails prevented the coaches from plunging into water 40 feet deep. No injuries.

Capt. W. M. Forrest Dying.

Memphis, Feb. 8.—Captain William M. Forrest was barely alive this morning. Members of the family, the attending physicians and sympathizing friends were then gathered about his bedside, awaiting the end. Dissection had set in and his death was but a question of hours at most.

Noted Turt Man Dies.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Patrick J. Grogan, formerly one of the best known horse trainers in the west, died today. He became well known on the turf in the early seventies, when Duke of Kent, Gold Bug, Drake Carter and other noted performers won victories. He also developed the famous mare Ethel Gray.

Married in Memphis.

Mayfield, Ky., Feb. 8.—The many friends of Miss Albany Rozzell will be pleased to learn that she was married February 1st, to Mr. Lon Anderson, in Memphis, Tenn. The wedding occurred at the home of Miss Rozzell's aunt, where the former has been making her home for several months past. Mrs. Anderson is the daughter of Dr. M. W. Rozzell, of this city, and has a sister living at Priorsburg.

GENERAL FIGHT FOLLOWS REMOVAL OF COOK STOVE.

Breaking up housekeeping caused a family fight at the home of George McAmos, Fifth and Norton streets, yesterday morning. McAmos was arrested for a breach of peace, it being alleged he struck his mother-in-law, Mrs. Sarah Ross, but Judge Cross filed the warrant away on condition that McAmos should remain away from the people. McAmos is a watchman and Thursday night made a silent investigation as to the conduct at home. He disapproved of the conduct and next morning he started in to break up housekeeping. A fire was in the cooking stove, but McAmos took this down and began to move out all the furniture when it is said a general fight took place.

Grain Market.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Wheat, 95; corn, 56; oats, 53.

Middlesboro Company Will Remain on Guard During Term of Christian Circuit Court This Month.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Fire Marshal Nelkirk will arrive Monday to begin an investigation into the tobacco raids. He will be accompanied by a deputy United States marshal.

Assurances have come from Governor Willson that the state proposes to ferret out the authors of the numerous raids and depredations that have kept this region in a condition of unrest and, in some localities, terror, and to have them punished for their crimes. Fire Marshal Nelkirk proposes to remain in Hopkinsville as long as his presence may be needed and will make this city his headquarters temporarily while following up his investigation in western Kentucky. His regular headquarters will be in Governor Willson's law office in Louisville. Mr. Nelkirk, it is understood, has already been supplied with a large amount of material on which to begin the probing of the night rider outrages, and it is confidentially expected that there will be speedy and important revelations. He is a lawyer by profession and is said to be peculiarly fitted by temperament and training for the work he has entered upon. The February term of the Christian circuit court will begin in two weeks. The Middlesboro detail of state guardsmen, ordered here by Adjutant General P. P. Johnston, will remain while court is in session. How much longer soldiers will be kept on guard is not known.

The fire marshal will be accompanied to Hopkinsville by a deputy United States marshal. Captain Hughes, the United States army officer, just appointed adjutant general pro tem, is also expected to visit this vicinity shortly and will co-operate in the investigation.

MARSHALL COUNTY JUDGE AGAINST NIGHT RIDING.

Benton, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The county judge held Marion Farley and Tom Chiles to the grand jury on the charge of whipping Steve Whitfield, colored, near Birmingham, January 20. They are alleged to belong to a party of night riders.

NO QUORUM

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—On joint ballot Beckham received 14 and Bradley 7. There was no quorum.

SOLICITOR RETURNS

City Solicitor James Campbell returned this morning from Frankfort satisfied with progress made in second class city legislation. He said that, while the Paducah measure, changing the maximum and minimum police force, does not provide for civil service regulations, the Lexington representatives favor it, and the civil service bill may be substituted in committee. All those interested in second class city legislation have endorsed the measure introduced.

BUSINESS BETTER THAN IT WAS THIS TIME LAST YEAR

A round of the local wholesale houses will convince the most pessimistic that Paducah merchants and business institutions, regardless of the hard times, are doing the best business in their history for the season of the year. Two of the largest wholesale groceries report January business showing a handsome increase over last year, and other wholesale houses make equally as satisfactory reports. The postoffice probably is showing the nicest increase in business. Receipts for the month of January were \$1,200 more than last year. The postal receipts probably are the best barometer of business, as they quickly reflect prosperity or depression; so viewed from this point of observation the volume of business being transacted in Paducah is greater than a year ago.

Conditions are gradually getting back to normal with all the manufacturing concerns, and an era of better times is apparently dawning.

FUNERAL OF KING AND PRINCE HELD IN LISBON TODAY

New Ruler and Queen Amelia Did Not Attend—Mourning Was General.

Premier Franco Reaches Paris, Where He Will Remain.

DENIES QUEEN BLAMED HIM

Lisbon, Feb. 8.—The funeral services for King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis were held at St. Vincent's cathedral today with much ceremony. All Lisbon mourned for the king. Weeping people stood along the streets. King Manuel and Queen Amelie, did not attend the services. The remains were enclosed in glass covered caskets. The prince's face was covered with a flag to hide the wound. The bodies will lie in state for three days.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Former Premier Franco, of Portugal, arrived here and said, "Saturday's tragedy was a blow, which struck me" to the heart. I retain full confidence in my country. I assured King Manuel when I resigned that the Royalist party would rally around the throne. It will be wise for me to live here, far from my native country and its policies, which I definitely forever abandoned. I wish to deny that the queen accused me of moral responsibility for the double murder.

ASSOCIATION TOBACCO SOLD.

Season in Dark District Opens Earlier This Year Than Last.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Feb. 8.—The first sale of association tobacco of the season was made here today, seventeen hogheads of trash lugs being sold to the American Snuff company and Marquess & Son at 7 cents, which is according to schedule and very satisfactory. This is nearly two months earlier than sales opened last year.

KENTUCKY POSTMASTER.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The following postmasters have been appointed for Kentucky: Bell, Christian county, Henry A. Jenkins; Berry, Perry, Livingston county, George A. Rodgers; Grouse, Letcher county, Joseph A. Back; Mingo, Johnson county, Addie Daniel.

MINE EXPLOSION.

Hallfax, Feb. 8.—(Bulletin.)—As the result of a coal mine explosion at Porthood nearly a score were killed and seven bodies are already recovered. It is reported that ten other miners are imprisoned and believed to be dead.

Son Killed Father.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Wilhelm Williams, aged 22, shot and killed his father, John Williams, aged 53, at the family home, 4632 Ashland avenue. The son then fired a bullet into his own head and may die. The tragedy followed a family quarrel.

Republic Cuts Wages.

Shelton, Pa., Feb. 8.—The Republic Steel and Iron company announced a seven per cent reduction in wages of furnace workers in its Ohio and Pennsylvania works, and ten per cent reduction in its Alabama furnaces. Fifteen hundred men are affected.

AUDITOR'S AGENT HERE

State Auditor's Agent H. L. Anderson, of Mayfield, spent all day at the county court house yesterday going over the records of the county clerk, and it is understood he will bring suits against Paducahans, who have failed to pay inheritance tax, the auditor's agent finding about 19 or 20 parties from whom such tax has not been collected. Mr. Anderson stated yesterday that Paducah merchants had paid their state licenses up closer than those of any other place which he has visited.

RELEASED ON PAROLE

Smithland, Ky., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—John Hildinger, who is serving a 15-year term for murder, will be paroled from the Eddyville penitentiary late this evening. Hildinger was sentenced to life imprisonment from Livingston county for the murder of his crippled step-daughter. It was alleged that he slapped the child, which fell out a door and was killed. It was the first murder case ever tried by C. C. Grassham, now of Paducah, and he has been working in behalf of his client. Members of the jury and other prominent citizens signed the petition for his parole.